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Mr. Stuart R. Ward, Executive Secretary
Commonwealth Club of California
The Hotel St. Francis
San Francisco 19, California

Dear Mr. Ward:

Thank you very much for your letter of 28 December
inviting me to address the Commonwealth Club of California on
a mutually acceptable Friday luncheon date.

I would be pleased to have the opportunity to talk to your
Club and I hope that I may be able to do so sometime later on.
At the moment, however, other commitments prevent me from
making a final decision and giving you a specific date.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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December 28, 1960

Dear Sir:

Will you please consider this letter a continuance of our original invitation to you to address the Commonwealth Club of California when you may be visiting San Francisco.

We would very much like to have you give us the opportunity to see if we cannot get together on a mutually agreeable Friday luncheon date, on which our members could have the privilege of hearing you speak.

A telephonic or telegraphic reply collect would be welcome at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Stuart R. Ward

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Executive Secretary

SRW:mab

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
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PS - you may possibly recall our conversation two years ago at Asilomar WACNC Conference in which you indicated a willingness to speak to us at next trip west? EFW

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Prime Minister Mohammed Ali
Archbishop of York
General H. H. "Hap" Arnold
Prime Minister Clement Attlee
President Celal Bayar of Turkey
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Arthur Brisbane
Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown
Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan
Admiral Arleigh "31 Knot" Burke
President Nicholas Murray Butler

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THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

(Information Prepared Solely for Submission to Invited Speakers)

MEMBERSHIP: 8,500 men; some 6,000 of whom are located within 40 miles of San Francisco, the balance being California citizens residing from Mexico to Oregon.

FOUNDED in 1903:

- (1) To provide an open forum for the discussion of disputed questions;
- (2) To investigate state, national and international problems and aid in their solution.

PREVIOUS SPEAKERS: All United States Presidents, from Theodore Roosevelt to Harry Truman, inclusive. (Some other noted speakers are listed on attached memorandum.)

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS: All speakers pay their own expenses; the Club has never paid either honorarium, hotel, or traveling expenses to a speaker.

BROADCAST: Friday Luncheon addresses are broadcast by delayed transcription to network of sixteen stations (including a 15-minute interview made following the talk for several important stations) which covers California.

PRESS: When material is made available by a speaker, a mimeographed summary of his salient points are sent San Francisco Bay Area and other key California newspapers (for release at hour of speaking).

PUBLICATION: Highlights of Friday luncheon addresses are published in the Club's weekly, "The Commonwealth"; circulation 9,500.

Just a few

OF THE HUNDREDS OF ILLUSTRIOUS SPEAKERS
WHO HAVE BEEN HEARD BY MEMBERS OF
THE

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SINCE ITS FOUNDING

IN 1903*

Konrad Adenauer
Clement Attlee
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Admiral Arleigh Burke
Nicholas Murray Butler
General Mark Clark
James Bryant Conant
Admiral Chas. M. Cooke, Jr.
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Abba Eban
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Nikita Khrushchev
F. H. LeGuarde
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Sumner H. Slichter
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J. E. Wallace Sterling
Adlai Stevenson
Robert A. Taft
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Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer
Benjamin Ide Wheeler
Dr. Walter White
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*Every President of the United States from Theodore Roosevelt to Harry S. Truman inclusive and all California Governors from Pardee to Brown have accepted invitations to speak to the Commonwealth Club of California.

History

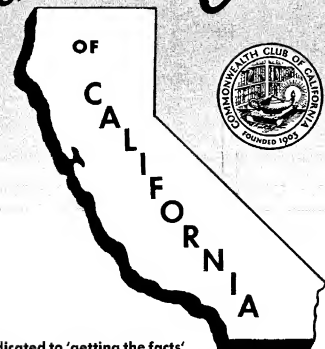
EDWARD F. ADAMS, noted editorial writer and founder of the Commonwealth Club of California, believed that a public problem is like a mountain—there are many ascents, but always one that is best. Adams was joined by Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president, University of California; Dr. Frederic Burk, president, State Normal School (predecessor of San Francisco State College); Supreme Court Justice William P. Lawlor; and John P. Young, managing editor, San Francisco Chronicle. The 1903 founding membership finally totaled 55 men whose ideals and foresight have lived after them.

SINCE the founding date, February 3, 1903, the Club has remained dedicated to its original objective: to "investigate and discuss problems affecting the Commonwealth and to aid in their solution"—to "maintain itself in an impartial position as an open forum for the discussion of disputed questions"—and "to influence public opinion in all proper ways in accordance with conclusions reached after due investigation."

Legislative Accomplishments

- The Governor's Budget law
- Small Claims Court
- Establishment of the Office of Public Defender in larger cities
- The State Judicial Council to unify and improve efficiency of the State Courts
- Banning of the "professional juror"
- Forbidding court reversals on mere technicalities
- The sponsor system of candidate nomination
- Voters' pamphlet on ballot measures
- Permanent voter registration

The Commonwealth Club



"Dedicated to 'getting the facts' in matters affecting the public welfare."

THE Commonwealth Club is a men's organization of 8,500 Californians who enjoy honest contest and dispute for the rewards of truth. Its forte is unbiased candor in the examination of vital questions as they affect our communities, the State of California, our nation, and the world in which we live.

It is a Club that thrives on the energy of thinking men who like to "get the facts," disseminate them, and then translate them into action.

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February 6, 1961

Dear Sir:

Thank you heartily for your letter of January 17th.

The Luncheon Program Committee has asked me to send you this present communication to assure you that if and when you make a visit to San Francisco in the coming months, our invitation to address a Friday luncheon of the Commonwealth Club of California on any mutually agreeable date still stands.

Also, we would welcome a telegraphic or telephonic (Douglas 2-4903) reply collect at any time.

Cordially yours,

Stuart R. Ward
Executive Secretary

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